

Mt. Laurel and Moorestown students receive this year's first academy appointments

Marlton, NJ - Congressman John Adler honored two local students from Mt. Laurel and Moorestown today for their appointments to West Point. During a ceremony at Congressman Adler's office, the students received congressional certificates and flags that were flown over the U.S. Capitol.

"I am proud to honor these young men who have dedicated their lives to serving our great country," said Congressman Adler, a member of the Veterans' Affairs Committee. "These young patriots will join a tradition of dedication to keeping our great country safe and free. I look forward to hearing of their future successes at West Point and beyond."

The local students both accepted their appointments to West Point. Daniel Barbella is a senior at St. Joseph's Preparatory School in Philadelphia and lives in Moorestown. And Mark Antonio is a senior at Lenape High School and lives in Mt. Laurel. He is graduating 17th out of a class of 464 and will be pursuing a degree in civil engineering.

The young men were nominated by Congressman Adler's Service Academy Selection Committee, which includes former Service Academy alumni and veterans.

Today's academy appointments are the first announced by Congressman Adler. Photographs from the event are available upon request to kathryn.prael@mail.house.gov.